GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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MEETING OF STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT MINISTERS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of State Urban Development Ministers was held at New Delhi to evolve consensus on various policy issues;

(b) if so, the details of agenda discussed and decision arrived at; and

(c) the details of the action plan formulated for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): A two-day conference of Ministers of Local Self Government and Urban Development of States and Union Territories was held at New Delhi on 17-18 January, 2000. In this conference, various issues relating to urban development and municipal administration were discussed. During course of discussion, need for more financial assistance to local bodies for better civic services and development work was stressed upon.

(c): As per Entry 5 of the State List ofthe Constitution, local government is a State subject. Therefore, it is for the concerned State Governments to chalk out action plan for the betterment of local bodies. However, Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation have undertaken various steps for bringing needed urban sector reforms which include issue of guidelines on property tax reforms, guidelines on tax-free municipal bonds, urban development plans formulation and implementation guidelines etc.